

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and system is disclosed for interactively controlling user access to a plurality of user interface elements contained in a graphical user interface of a computer program. An access control profile means is associated with each user of the computer program. An access control profile means is associated with each user interface element in the computer program. An authorized administrator can select an access control profile means for each user interface element. Each access control profile means includes an option to assign user access privileges to view the data contained in the user interface element, activate a function contained in the user interface element, and an option to assign user access privileges to edit the data contained in the user interface element. The authorized administrator can interactively assign these access privileges to each and every user interface element contained in the program, therefore controlling the manner and method in which each user interface element is displayed to a variety of users depending upon the user's particular level of access privilege and use of the computer program, thus giving greater control of the computer program's features and data to the administrator while increasing ease of use to the users and administrators of the computer program.